INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2009

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Officials

Name	<u>Title</u>	Term <u>Expires</u>
	Board of Education	
	(Before September 2008 Election)	
Rod Foster Marti Kindrick Betsey Ulrich Paul Stevens Howard Taylor	President Vice President	2008 2008 2009 2009 2010
	(After September 2008 Election)	
Rod Foster Don Looft Betsey Ulrich Paul Stevens Howard Taylor	President Vice President	2011 2011 2009 2009 2011 *
	School Officials	
Randy Collins	Superintendent	
Deb Obbink	District Secretary/ Treasurer	

^{*} Board term extended per the District's transition plan for changing Board terms from 3 to 4 years in accordance with Chapter 39.24 of the Code of Iowa.

BRUCE D. FRINK

Certified Public Accountant

Independent Auditor's Report

Member:

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants

Services:

- Individual & Corporate Tax Preparation, Partnerships, Estate & Trust
- · Year Round Tax Planning
- · Electronic Filing
- Payroll & Sales Tax Preparation
- · I.R.S. Representation
- · Monthly/Quarterly Write-Up
- · Data Processing Services
- · Payroll Preparation
- Computerized Financial Statements
- Business/Personal Financial Planning
- · Bank Loan Assistance
- Section 105 Medical Plan Administration

Plus:

- Over 30 years of Expertise and Experience
- Evenings & Saturdays Available by Appointment
- Extended Hours During Tax Season

To the Board of Education of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities and each major fund of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District, Armstrong, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of District officials. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities and each major fund of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District at June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 22, 2010 on our consideration of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 4 through 12 and 32 through 33 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report the financial statements for the three years ended June 30, 2008 and expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. The financial statements for the four years ended June 30, 2005 (which are presented herein) were audited by other auditors who expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 3, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

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February 22, 2010

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow.

2009 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund revenues decreased from \$3,623,171 in fiscal 2008 to \$3,561,419 in fiscal 2009, while General Fund expenditures decreased from \$3,593,410 in fiscal 2008 to \$3,541,832 in fiscal 2009. The District's General Fund balance increased from \$272,068 in fiscal 2008 to \$291,655 in fiscal 2009, a 7% increase.
- Local tax (property and income surtax) revenues increased by over \$43,000; partially offsetting a \$66,000 decrease in state funding. Expenditures were virtually the same as the prior year. Expenses for direct classroom instruction increased by \$125,000 with offsetting decreases in administration, maintenance and transportation. The District closely monitors staffing requirements and discretionary spending.
- Resident enrollments decreased by 4.3 resident students, 8.3 students less were actually attending classes in the district. The District has 15 more students open enrolled in than open enrolled out, 3 less than in the prior year.
- The District's solvency ratio was 6% at the end of fiscal year 2009. The solvency ratio is indicative of the District's ability to meet its financial obligations. Recommended solvency ratio is commonly around 10%.
- The District's Capital Projects Fund decreased by over \$55,000 this year and the Physical Plant
 and Equipment Levy also decreased as a result of building improvements and major equipment
 purchases, such as computers and school bus.
- The District refinanced its bonded indebtedness. This should result in property tax savings of over \$47,000 in the next 12 years.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District as a whole and present an overall view of the District's finances.

The fund financial statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of the District.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the Student Activity and fiduciary funds.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

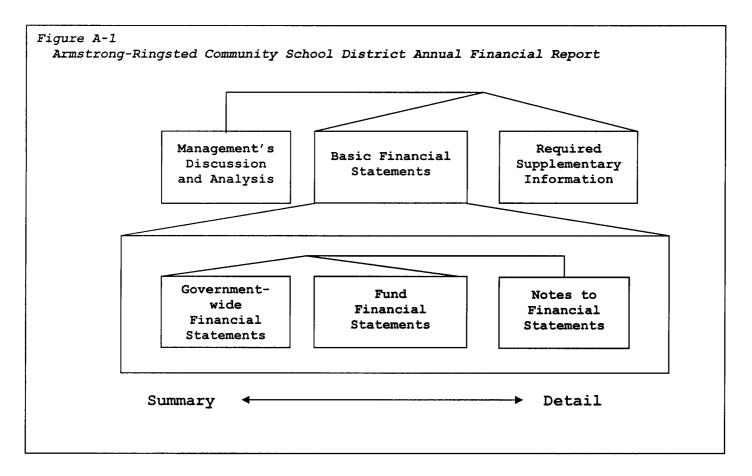


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Figure A-2
Major Features of the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-wide		Fund Statements	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Fund	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Activity the District operates similar to private businesses: food services	Instances in which the district administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs
Required financial statements	• Statement of net assets • Statement of activities	 Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances 	• Statement of net assets • Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets • Statement of cash flows	• Statement of fiduciary net assets • Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/ liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets - the difference between the District's assets and liabilities - are one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities, need to be considered.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- Governmental activities: Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property tax and state aid finance most of these activities.
- Business type activities: The District charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's school nutrition program is included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. The District has elected to treat all funds as "major" funds for clarity of presentation.

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for student activity funds, or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as federal grants.

The District has three kinds of funds:

1) Governmental funds: Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District's governmental funds include the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

2) Proprietary funds: Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the government-wide financial statements. The District's Enterprise Fund, one type of proprietary fund, is the same as its business type activities but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The District currently has one Enterprise Fund, the School Nutrition Fund.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and a statement of cash flows.

- 3) Fiduciary funds: The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others. These funds include Private-Purpose Trust Funds.
 - Agency Funds The District holds money for outside groups in a custodial capacity.

The District is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in the fiduciary funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

The required financial statements for fiduciary funds include a statement of fiduciary net assets.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Figure A-3 below provides a summary of the District's net assets for the year ended June 30, 2009 compared to June 30, 2008.

	***************************************			Figure A-3			
				Statement o		ts	
				ssed in Tho			
		rnmental	Busines		Tot		Total
	Act	ivities	Activ	ities	Dist	rict	Change
	Ju	ne 30,	June	30,	June	30,	June 30,
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008-2009
Current assets	é 2.00°	1 2 056	30	31	2 001	2 007	4.64%
	\$ 2,99	•			3,021	2,887	
Capital assets	3,80		3	4	3,809	3,760	1.30%
Total assets	6,79	6,612	33	35	6,830	6,647	2.75%
Current liabilities	2,02	5 1,741	_	_	2,025	1,741	16.31%
Non-current liabilities	1,46	1,353			1,468	1,353	0.00%
Total liabilities	3,49	3,094			3,493	3,094	12.90%
Net Assets							
Invested in capital assets,							
net of related debt	2,349	2,431	3	4	2,352	2,435	-3.41%
Restricted	608	3 733	_	_	608	733	-17.05%
Unrestricted	34	7 354	30	31	377	385	- <u>2.08</u> %
Total net assets	\$ 3,30	3,518	33	35	3,337	3,553	- <u>6.08</u> %

Unrestricted net assets held steady due to increased local tax revenues as well as cost containment measurers. Restricted assets decreased as the District invested Capital Projects and PPEL Funds in capital assets purchases.

Changes in net assets - figure A-4 shows the changes in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2009 compared to the year ended June 30, 2008.

			F	igure A-4			
			Change:	s in Net A	ssets		
			(Express	ed in Tho	usands)		
	Governm		Business		Tot	al	Total
	Activi	ties	Activi	ties	School D	istrict	Change
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008-2009
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Charges for service and sales	\$ 203	243	95	83	298	326	-8.59%
Operating grants, contributions							
and restricted interest	778	677	83	88	861	765	12.55%
General revenues:							
Property tax	1,632	1,671		_	1,632	1,671	-2.33%
Income surtax	263	142	-	_	263	142	85.21%
Local option sales tax	198	200	-	_	198	200	-1.00%
Unrestricted state grants	1,094	1,207	-	_	1,094	1,207	-9.36%
Unrestricted investment							
earnings	3	13	-	-	3	13	-76.92%
Other	106	173			106	173	- <u>38.73</u> %
Total revenues	4,277	4,326	<u>178</u>	171	4,455	4,497	- <u>0.93</u> %
Program expenses:							
Governmental activities:							
Instruction	2,671	2,577	_	_	2,671	2,577	3.65%
Support Services	1,141	1,243	-	_	1,141	1,243	-8.21%
Non-instructional programs	-	_	176	178	176	178	-1.12%
Other expenses	678	429			678	429	58.04%
Total expenses	4,490	4,249	176	178	4,666	4,427	5.40%
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (213)</u>	77	2	(7)	(211)	70	- <u>1.43</u> %

Property tax and unrestricted state grants account for 61% of the total revenue. The District's expenses primarily related to instruction and support services, which account for 82% of the total expenses.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities were \$4,276,526 and expenses were \$4,489,914 for the year ended June 30, 2009.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the District's major governmental activities, instruction, support services and other expenses, for the year ended June 30, 2009 compared to the year ended June 30, 2008.

		Total and N	Figure A et Cost of Gove		vities	
			(Expressed in T	housands)		
	 Total C	ost of Service	es	Net Co	st of Service:	3
	 2009	2008	Change 2008-2009	2009	2008	Change 2008-2009
Instruction	\$ 2,671	2,577	3.65%	1,828	1,799	1.61%
Support Services	1,141	1,243	-8.21%	1,132	1,229	-7.89%
Other expenses	 678	429	58.04%	549	301	82.39%
Totals	\$ 4,490	4,249	<u>5.67</u> %	3,509	3,329	<u>5.41</u> %

For the year ended June 30, 2009:

- The cost financed by users of the District's programs was \$203,470.
- Federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$476,847.
- The net cost of governmental activities was financed with \$1,632,375 in property tax and \$1,093,593 in state foundation aid.

Proprietary-Type Funds

Revenues for the District's School Nutrition Fund were \$177,458 and expenses totaled \$175,938. The revenues include charges for services, contributions, and federal and state reimbursements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the fiscal year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balances of \$812,510, which is 19% less than last year's ending fund balance of \$1,004,798. The District expended over \$280,000 on remodeling and capital asset purchases accounting for most of the decline.

Governmental Fund Highlights

- The District has a 6% solvency ratio.
- The General Fund grew due to increased local taxes and cost containment measures.
- The statewide sales and services tax is now being collected. This will aid the school in future infrastructure projects.

Proprietary Fund Highlights

School Nutrition Fund net assets increased by over \$1,500 in fiscal 2009.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds. Although the budget document presents functional area expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not at the fund or fund type level. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

It is the District's practice, as is in most Iowa school district, to budget expenditures at or about the maximum authorized spending. As a result, the District's certified budget should always exceed the actual expenditures for the year. In 2009, the total budget amount was not exceeded, however expenditures exceed the amounts budgeted in the other expenditures function.

Actual revenues were greater than budgeted amounts in the local tax and federal source revenues.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The District has invested more than \$3.8 million, net of accumulated depreciation, by the end of fiscal 2008 in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, athletic facilities, kitchen, computers and audio-visual equipment, maintenance equipment, school buses and other vehicles, library holdings, and textbooks. The District made improvements and updated equipment at all facilities during the year. Total depreciation expenses for the year exceeded \$240,000.

			Condensed S	Figure A-6		s	
			(Expre	ssed in Tho	usands)	_	
	 Governm Activi		Busines: Activi	• •	Tot Distr		Total Change
	 June	30,	June	30,	June	30,	June 30,
	 2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008-2009
Land	\$ 20	20		_	20	20	0.00%
Site improvements	118	100	-	-	118	100	18.00%
Buildings	3,148	3,275	_	-	3,148	3,275	-3.88%
Furniture and equipment	 520	361	3	4	523	365	43.29%
Totals	\$ 3,806	3,756	3	4	3,809	3,760	1.30%

Long-Term Debt

The District has the following outstanding debt. Early retirement is granted on a year by year basis. General obligation bonds will fully mature in 2022. During the year, the District refinanced its general obligation bonds. Total savings over the life of the bond is estimated to be over \$47,000.

The District entered into leases for the purchase of computers and one school bus during the year. The computers are leased over a five year period. The bus has three payments with a purchase option at the time for fair market value.

			Figure A-7	
			g Long-Term Obli essed in Thousan	-
		Tota		Total
	***************************************	Distr	ict	Change
		June 3	30,	June 30,
	411	2009	2008	2008-09
Early retirement	\$	10	28	-64.29%
Leases payable		172	-	100.00%
General obligation bonds		1,325	1,390	- <u>4.68</u> %
Total	\$	1,507	1,418	<u>6.28</u> %

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The District will need to monitor payroll expenses as they account for the vast majority of the budget.
- Alternative sources must be found due to funding inconsistencies on the parts of the federal and state governments.
- Enrollment increases and decreases will play a large part in determining the District's finances on an year to year basis. The legislature needs to ensure adequate allowable growth to properly fund education.
- The District began sharing superintendent services on July 1, 2009 with Graettinger and Terril Community School Districts.
- Sharing students and/or programs continues to be looked into.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Deb Obbink, District Business Manager, Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District, PO Box 75, Armstrong, IA 50514-0075.



Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2009

		Business Type _Activities	
	Governmental Activities	School Nutrition	Total
Assets			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 833,517	17,321	850,838
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Current year	26,132	-	26,132
Succeeding year	1,936,946	=	1,936,946
Income surtax - succeeding year	159,709	-	159,709
Due from other governments	24,783	-	24,783
Other receivables	10,039	-	10,039
Inventories	_	12,369	12,369
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,806,271	2,901	3,809,172
Total assets	6,797,397	32,591	6,829,988
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	76,981	_	76,981
Accrued interest payable	6,296	-	6,296
Deferred revenue:	•		•
Succeeding year property tax	1,936,946	-	1,936,946
Federal programs	4,980	_	4,980
Long-term liabities:	•		,
Portion due within one year:			
Early retirement	10,000	-	10,000
General obligation bonds payable	85,000	-	85,000
Leases payable	32,906	~	32,906
Portion due after one year:	·		·
General obligation bonds payable	1,200,000	_	1,200,000
Leases payable	139,517	_	139,517
Total liabilities	3,492,626		3,492,626
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,348,848	2,901	2,351,749
Restricted for:	•	•	
Student activity	59,602	_	59,602
Management levy	95,669	-	95,669
Physical plant and equipment levy	268,551	_	268,551
Capital projects	100,556	_	100,556
Debt service	6,799	-	6,799
Categorical funding	77,454	-	77,454
Unrestricted	347,292	29,690	376,982
Total net assets	\$ 3,304,771	32,591	3,337,362

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2009

		Progre	Program Revenues	Net and (Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	nue ssets
			Operating Grants, Contributions			
	() () () ()	Charges for	and Restricted	Governmental	Business Type	
	Expenses	service	Interest	Activities	Activities	Total
Functions/Programs:						
Governmental activities:						
Instruction:	\$ 2,671,449	203,470	640,461	(1,827,518)		(1,827,518)
Support services:						
Student services	29,517	ı	ı	(714 67)	1	(20 617)
Instructional staff services	95 673			(010 102)		(110,62)
Administration services	0.000		i	(95,673)	1	(62, 673)
Pomiting Ctacton Services	389,140	ı	1	(389,140)	1	(389,140)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	545,025	i	8,859	(536, 166)	1	(536, 166)
Transportation services	81,324	1		(81,324)	ı	(81,324)
	1,140,679	1	8,859	(1,131,820)	1	(1,131,820)
Other expenditures:						
AEA flowthrough	126,265	ı	126,265	1	1	•
Long term debt interest	60,701	1	580	(60,121)	ı	(60 121)
Long term debt services	20,925	ı	ı	(20,925)	1	(20,925)
Facilities acquisition and construction	230,031	i	1,716	(228, 315)	t	(228,315)
Depreciation (unallocated)*	239,864	ı	1	(239,864)	1	(239,864)
	677,786	ŧ	128,561	(549, 225)	1	(549, 225)
Total governmental activities	4,489,914	203,470	777,881	(3, 508, 563)	ı	(3,508,563)

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2009

		Progre	Program Revenues	Net and C	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Asse	/enue Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Governmental Activities	ss Type	Total
Business type activities: Non-instructional programs: Nutrition services	175,938	94,499	82,959	I	1,520	1,520
Total	\$ 4,665,852	297,969	860,840	(3, 508, 563)	1,520	(3,507,043)
General Revenues:						
Property tax levied for:						
General purposes				\$ 1,371,970	1	1,371,970
Management levy				24,876	1	24,876
Capital outlay				109,144	i	109,144
Debt service				126,385	I	126,385
Income surtax						
General purposes				200,233	1	200,233
Capital outlay				62,857	ı	62,857
Local option sales taxes				198,026	ı	198,026
Unrestricted state grants				1,093,593	ı	1,093,593
Unrestricted investment earnings				3,508	ı	3,508
Other				104,583	1	104,583
Total general revenues				2 206 176		L
יסימו שליילימו ויסיליומוט					1	3, 295, 175
Change in net assets				(213, 388)	1,520	(211,868)
Net assets beginning of year				3,518,159	31,071	3,549,230
Net assets end of year				\$ 3,304,771	32,591	3, 337, 362

^{*} This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

See notes to financial statements.

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

June 30, 2009

	General	Student Activity	Management Levy	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Total
Assets							
Cash and pooled investments Receivables: Property tax:	\$ 329,632	61,194	105,422	235,171	91,030	11,068	833,517
Current year	22,074	ı	280	1,751	1	2,027	26,132
Succeeding year	1,476,083	1	100,000	210,609	Í	150,254	1,936,946
Income surtax - succeeding year	133,091	1	i	26,618	ı		159,709
governments	12,581	į	I	1	12,202	ı	24,783
Other receivables	1,281	99	1	8,692	1	1	10,039
Total assets	\$ 1,974,742	61,260	205,702	482,841	103,232	163,349	2,991,126
Liabilities and Fund Balance							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 68,933	1,658	33	3,681	2,676	I	76,981
Deferred revenue:							
Succeeding year property tax	1,476,083	I	100,000	210,609	•	150,254	1,936,946
Succeeding year income surtax	133,091	I	ı	26,618	ı	1	159,709
Federal programs	4,980	1	1	1	1	1	4,980
Total liabilities	1,683,087	1,658	100,033	240,908	2,676	150,254	2,178,616
Fund balances:							
Reserved for capital projects	1	1	1	ı	100,556	ı	100,556
Reserved for debt service	I	ļ	i	ŀ	1	13,095	13,095
Reserved for categorical funding	77,454	ı	1	1	1	ı	77,454
Unreserved	214,201	59,602	105,669	241,933	ŀ	ı	621,405
Total fund balances	291,655	59,602	105,669	241,933	100,556	13,095	812,510
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,974,742	61,260	205,702	482,841	103,232	163,349	2,991,126

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2009

	Total	fund	balances	of	governmental	funds	(Exhibit	C	١
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\$ 812,510

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Income surtax receivable at June 30, 2009 is not recognized as income until received in the governmental funds, however it is shown as a receivable in the Statement of Net Assets.

159,709

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not assets in the governmental funds.

3,806,271

Accrued interest payable on long-term liabilities is not due and payable in the current period and , therefore, is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.

(6,296)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.

Early retirement payable Leases payable General obligation bonds payable \$ (10,000) (172,423)

(172,423)

(1,285,000) (1,467,423)

Net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit A)

\$ 3,304,771

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Fund Types

Year ended June 30, 2009

Debt Service Total	126,385 2,047,835 203,470 580 282,860 - 1,538,756 - 157,949 126,965 4,230,870	- 2,688,949	- 29,517 - 95,673 - 389,140	- 554,705
Capital D Projects Ser	198,026 1	1	1 1 1	1 1
Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	145,383 - 8,847 4 - 154,234	1	1 1 1	257,978
Management Levy	24,876	1	- 84,370	1 1 6
Student Activity	163,626	163,906	1 1 1	1 1
General	\$ 1,553,165 203,470 108,091 1,538,744 157,949 3,561,419	2,525,043	29,517 95,673 304,770	163,837
	Revenues: Local sources: Local tax Tuition Other State sources Federal sources Total revenues	Expenditures: Current: Instruction:	Student services Student services Instructional staff services Administration services	Operation and maintenance of plant services Transportation services

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Fund Types

Year ended June 30, 2009

	General	Student Activity	Management Levy	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Total
Other expenditures: AEA flowthrough	\$ 126,265	ı	l	I	ı	1 6	126,265
Long term debt principal Long term debt interest Tong term debt sermines	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1	I I	1 1	70,000 59,053	70,000 59,053
Facilities acquisition and construction	- 106.065		1 1 1		255,094	1 0 076	255,094
Total expenditures		163,906	84,370	257,978	255,094	49,	4,453,158
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	19,587	(280)	(59, 486)	(103,744)	(55, 352)	(23, 013)	(222, 288)
Other financing sources (uses): Gross proceeds of general obligation bonds refinancing Defeasance of general obligation bonds	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1,285,000 (1,255,000) 30,000	1,285,000 (1,255,000)
Net change in fund balance	19,587	(280)	(59, 486)	(103,744)	(55,352)	6,987	(192,288)
Fund balances beginning of year	272,068	59,882	165,155	345,677	155,908	6,108	1,004,798
Fund balances end of year	\$ 291,655	\$ 59,602	\$ 105,669	\$ 241,933	\$ 100,556	\$ 13,095	\$ 812,510

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2009

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit E)

\$ (192,288)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Income surtaxes not collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds and are included as deferred revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the Statement of Activities
This represents the change in income surtax receivable from FY08 to FY09.

45,656

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, those costs are not reported in the Statement of Net Activities and are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities. The amounts of depreciation expense in the year are as follows:

Capital outlays	\$ 117,256	
Depreciation expense	(239,864)	(122,608)

Early retirement expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

17,500

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when due. In the Statement of Activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

(1,648)

Proceeds from issuing long-term liabilities provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of long-term debt liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Current year repayments exceeded issues, as follows:

Issued (1,457,423)
Repayments 1,325,000 (132,423)

Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B)

\$ (385,811)

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets $\hbox{Proprietary Fund}$

Year ended June 30, 2009

	School Nutrition
Operating revenue:	
Local sources:	
Charges for services	\$ 94,499
Operating expenses:	
Non-instructional programs:	
Food service operations:	
Salaries	75,741
Benefits	10,723
Supplies	88,594
Depreciation	880
Total operating expenses	175,938
Operating (loss)	(81,439)
Non-operating revenues:	
State sources	1,900
Federal sources	80,786
Interest income	273
	82,959
Change in net assets	1,520
Net assets beginning of year	31,071
Net assets end of year	\$ 32,591

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund

Year ended June 30, 2009

	School Nutrition
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from sale of lunches and breakfasts	\$ 94,738
Cash payments to employees for services	(86, 464)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods or services	(79,557)
Net cash (used by) operating activities	(71,283)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
State grants received	1,900
Federal grants received	71,154
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	73,054
Cash flows from investing activities:	273
Interest on investments	273
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,044
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	15,277
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	\$ 17,321
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash used	
by operating activities:	
Operating (loss)	\$ (81,439)
Adjustments to reconcile operating profit (loss)	
to net cash provided by (used by) operating activities:	
Depreciation	880
Commodities used	9,632
Decrease in other receivables	239
(Increase) in inventory	(571)
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(24)
	\$ (71,283)

Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities:

During the year ended June 30, 2009, the District received federal commodities valued at \$9,632.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2009

	Agency Funds
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 39,786
Liabilities	
Other payables	 39,786
Net Assets	
Reserved for special purposes	\$

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2009

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates public schools for children in grades kindergarten through twelve. Additionally, the District either operates or sponsors summer recreational activities. The geographic area served includes the Cities of Armstrong and Ringsted, Iowa, and agricultural area in Palo Alto, Emmett and Kossuth Counties. The District is governed by a Board of Education whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the District. Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria. However, the District has chosen to include as Agency Funds, all of the organizations included in Schedule 4 (except Flex 125 Plan). The Flex 125 Plan was previously included in the District's financial statements.

<u>Jointly Governed Organizations</u> - The District participates in a jointly governed organization that provides services to the District but does not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the Palo Alto, Kossuth and Emmett County Assessor Conference Boards.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the District's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The District has chosen to present all funds as major funds for clarity of presentation.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy is used to account for the purchase of equipment and the repairing, remodeling and construction of buildings and land improvements.

The Management Levy Fund is utilized for the payment of insurance, unemployment and early retirement benefits.

The Student Activity Fund is used to account for extra curricular activities conducted on behalf of the students.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the District's general long-term debt.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities.

The District reports the following major proprietary fund:

The District's proprietary fund is the Enterprise, School Nutrition Fund. This fund is used to account for the food service operations of the District.

The District also reports fiduciary funds which focus on net assets and changes in net assets. The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

The Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the District as an agent for individuals, private organizations and other governments. The Agency Fund is custodial in nature, assets equal liabilities, and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

The proprietary fund of the District applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's Enterprise Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The District maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the District are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

<u>Cash, Investments and Cash Equivalents</u> - The cash balances of most District funds are invested. Investments are stated at fair value except for non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

<u>Property Tax Receivable</u> - Property tax in governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date that the tax asking is certified by the Board of Education. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Education to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the District is required to certify its budget in April of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year become effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2007 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2008.

 $\underline{\text{Due From Other Governments}}$ - Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

<u>Inventories</u> - Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method for purchased items and government commodities. Inventories of proprietary funds are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased or received.

<u>Capital Assets</u> - Capital assets, which include property, furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

Asset Class	Amount
Land	\$ 2,000
Buildings	10,000
Improvements other than buildings	10,000
Furniture and equipment:	
School Nutrition Fund equipment	500
Other furniture and equipment	2,500

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)
Buildings	50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20 years
Furniture and equipment	5-15 years

Deferred Revenue - Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represents the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue consists of unspent grant proceeds as well as property tax receivables and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year end.

Deferred revenue in the Statement of Net Assets consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied as well as unspent federal program funds.

Compensated Absences - District employees accumulated a limited amount of earned but unused vacation for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees that have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability is deemed to be immaterial at June 30, 2009.

<u>Fund Equity</u> - In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

Restricted Net Assets - In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

E. Budgeting and Budgetary Control

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2009, expenditures in the other expenditures function exceeded the amount budgeted. The District did not exceed its General Fund unspent authorized budget.

(2) Cash and Investments

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2009 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The District is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Education; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The District had no investments at June 30, 2009.

(3) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2009 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	Beginning			End of
	of Year	Increases	Decreases	Year
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 20,000		_	20,000
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Site improvements	111,695	25,063	_	136,758
Buildings	5,901,991	, _	-	5,901,991
Furniture and equipment	832,322	264,616	_	1,096,938
Total capital assets being depreciated	6,846,008	289,679		7,135,687
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Site improvements	11,633	6,837	_	18,470
Buildings	2,627,381	126,426	_	2,753,807
Furniture and equipment	470,538	106,601	-	577,139
Total accumulated depreciation	3,109,552	239,864	_	3,349,416
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,736,456	49,815		3,786,271
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	\$ 3,756,456	49,815		3,806,271
Business type activities:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 10,560	_	_	10,560
Less accumulated depreciation	6,779	880		7,659
Business type activities capital assets, net	\$ 3,781	(880)	_	2,901
Depreciation expense was charged to the follow Governmental activities:	ing functions	:		
Unallocated				\$ 239,864
				200,004
Business Type activities:				
Food service operations				\$ 880
1004 Deliving operations				7 000

(4) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The District contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, PO Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 4.10% of their annual salary and the District is required to contribute 6.35% of annual covered salary. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The District's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$138,252, \$136,827, and \$123,160 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(5) Area Education Agency

The District is required by the Code of Iowa to budget for its share of special education support, media and educational services provided through the area education agency. The District's actual amount for this purpose totaled \$126,265 for the year ended June 30, 2009 and is recorded in the General Fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the financial statements.

(6) Risk Management

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(7) Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2009 is as follows:

	Leases Payable	General Obligation Bonds	Early Retirement	<u>Total</u>
Balance beginning of year Additions Reductions	\$ - 216,476 44,053	1,325,000 1,285,000 1,325,000	27,500 - 17,500	1,352,500 1,501,476 1,386,553
Balance end of year	\$ <u>172,423</u>	1,285,000	10,000	1,467,423

General Obligation Bonds

Details of the District's June 30, 2009 general obligation bonded indebtedness are as follows:

Year				
Ending	Interest			
June 30,	Rates	Interest	Principal	<u>Total</u>
0010	1 500	0 00 040	05 000	104.040
2010	1.50%	\$ 39,840	85 , 000	124,840
2011	1.75	38,565	85 , 000	123,565
2012	2.00	37 , 078	90,000	127,078
2013	2.30	35,277	90,000	125,277
2014	2.60	33,208	90,000	123,208
2015	2.85	30,867	95,000	125,867
2016	3.10	28,160	95 , 000	123,160
2017	3.35	25,215	100,000	125,215
2018	3.60	21,865	105,000	126,865
2019	3.80	18,085	105,000	123,085
2020	4.00	14,095	110,000	124,095
2021	4.10	9,695	115,000	124,695
2022	4.15	4,980	120,000	124,980
Total		\$ <u>336,930</u>	1,285,000	1,621,930

In fiscal year 2008, early retirement was offered to employees who attained the age of 55 and had completed ten years of contracted service with the District. A cash option not to exceed to \$15,000 or 50% of the employee's 2007-08 salary was offered. An insurance option not to exceed \$18,600 or 50% of the employee's 2007-08 salary was offered. A combination of cash and insurance was also offered with the same limits as the insurance option. There is no guarantee that the benefit will be offered in future years.

As of June 30, 2009, the District called the entire outstanding general obligation bond indebtedness dated March 1, 2003, in the amount of \$1,255,000 plus accrued interest. The District issued general obligation refunding bonds, dated June 1, 2009, in the amount of \$1,285,000. Interest rates on the original issued varied from 3.0% to 4.9%. Interest rates on the new issue vary from 1.5% to 4.15%. Anticipated financial savings are as follows:

Additional principal borrowing	\$(30,000)
Costs of issuance	(19,275)
Savings on interest due to reduced rates	96,692
	\$ <u>47,417</u>

Leases Payable

The District entered into a \$133,965 five year lease/purchase for computers. The District is required to make five payments of \$30,184 each beginning in fiscal 2009. The interest rate on the entire lease is 6.34%.

The District entered into a \$82,513 three year lease, with purchase options, for a school bus. Three payments of \$13,869 are required with a fair market value purchase option at the end of the lease. The interest rate is 6.65%. The first payment was made in fiscal 2009.

Details of the leases payable are as follows (assumes purchase of bus):

	Com	puter Lease			Bus Lease	
Year Ending June 30,	Interest	Principal	<u>Total</u>	Interest	Principal	Total
2010	\$ 6,580	23,604	30,184	\$4,567	9,302	13,869
2011	5,083	25,101	30,184	3,967	59,341	63,308
2012	3,492	26,692	30,184	· -	· –	
2013	1,801	28,383	30,184			
	\$ <u>16,956</u>	<u>103,780</u>	<u>120,736</u>	\$ <u>8,534</u>	68,643	77,177

Required	Supplementary	Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures/Expenses and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual - All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Fund

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types	Proprietary Fund Type	Total	Budgeted Amounts	Amounts	Final to Actual
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Original	Final	Variance
Revenues:						
Local sources	\$ 2,534,165	94,772	2,628,937	2,493,800	2,493,800	135,137
State sources	1,538,756	1,900	1,540,656	1,586,483	1,586,483	(45,827)
Federal sources	157,949	80,786	238,735	203,000	203,000	35,735
Total revenues	4,230,870	177,458	4,408,328	4,283,283	4,283,283	125,045
Expenditures/Expenses:						
Instruction	2,688,949	1	2,688,949	2,731,661	2,731,661	42,712
Support services	1,232,872	ı	1,232,872	1,253,000	1,253,000	20,128
Non-instructional programs	1	175,938	175,938	185,000	185,000	9,062
Other expenditures	531,337	1	531,337	475,360	475,360	(55,977)
Total expenditures/expenses	4,453,158	175,938	4,629,096	4,645,021	4,645,021	15,925
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures/expenses	(222,288)	1,520	(220,768)	(361,738)	(361,738)	140,970
Other financing sources (uses)	30,000	1	30,000	170,000	170,000	(140,000)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures/expenses and other financing uses	(192,288)	1,520	(190,768)	(191,738)	(191,738)	970
Balance beginning of year	1,004,798	31,071	1,035,869	974,523	974,523	61,346
Balance end of year	\$ 812,510	32,591	845,101	782,785	782,785	62,316

Note to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting

Year ended June 30, 2009

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except Private Purpose Trust and Agency Funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on a GAAP basis.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These four functions are instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenditures. Although the budget document presents function expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not by fund. The Code of Iowa also provides that District expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula.

During the year ended June 30, 2009, expenditures in the other expenditures function exceeded the amount budgeted. The District did not exceed the General Fund unspent authorized budget.

Other Supplementary	Information	

Schedule of Changes in Special Revenue, Student Activity Accounts

Year ended June 30, 2009

	Balance			Balance
	Beginning			End of
Account	of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Year
Foreign Language Club	2,396	_	_	2,396
Interest	1,682	259	235	1,706
Student Council - High School	(135)	1,428	1,293	_
SCRIP Program	_	9,691	9,664	27
Class of 2011	842	8,452	5,025	4,269
Class of 2010	8,590	5,419	3,940	10,069
Class of 2009	3,089	21,042	21,757	2,374
Class of 2008	3,082	_	3,082	_
Class of 2007	(50)	50	-	-
Class of 2012	-	3,038	2,034	1,004
Athletics	6,730	79 , 927	86,657	=
Art Club	274	_	-	274
Drama Club	(553)	1,162	609	-
Jr/Sr High - Student Needs	4,823	6,699	8,267	3,255
Vocal	5,311	3,245	3,834	4,722
Music Fund Raising	896	_	-	896
Instrumental	3,012	571	579	3,004
Honor Society	547	148	392	303
Petty Cash	226	_	-	226
Library Book Fair	1,037	5,448	5,434	1,051
Title I Book Fair	35	-	-	35
Elementary - Student Needs	11,267	14,165	9,636	15,796
Middle School - Student Council	921	_	-	921
FCCLA	883	110	_	993
Drill Team	_	1,081	1,023	58
Cheerleaders	-	445	445	_
Technology Funds (POP)	4,977	1,246		6,223
Totals	59,882	163,626	163,906	59,602

Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities ${\tt Agency\ Fund}$

Year ended June 30, 2009

		alance ginning			Balance End of
Account	of	Year	Additions	Deductions	Year
Flex 125 Plan	\$	11,279	34,623	36,064	9,838
Music Boosters		46,241	23,702	55,390	14,553
Athletic Boosters		11,387	19,452	17,802	13,037
Post Prom		2,271	6,038	6,963	1,346
A/R Helps		996	16		1,012
	<u>\$</u>	72,174	83,831	116,219	39,786

Schedule of Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function All Governmental Funds

For the Last Eight Years

Modified Accrual Basis

	2009	2008	2007	3000	3000			
		0	.003	0007	0007	2004	2003	2002
Revenues:								
Local sources:								
Local tax	\$ 2,047,835	2,030,572	1,795,260	1,746,181	2,098,077	2.168.354	2,155,361	1,932,151
Tuition	203,470	243,263	230,328	212,314	224,679	225,388	177,070	200,200
Other	282,860	385,287	330,536	294,668	268,605	221,619	252,402	316,693
State sources	1,538,756	1,593,625	1,555,247	1,458,858	1,260,638	1,962,192	1,102,784	1.273.600
Federal sources	157,949	90,715	114,380	112,358	251,576	129,948	60,594	82,092
Total	\$ 4,230,870	4,343,462	4,025,751	3,824,379	4,103,575	4,707,501	3,748,211	3,823,834
Expenditures:								
Instruction:	\$ 2,688,949	2,570,080	2,626,052	2,485,767	2,321,291	2,187,923	2.204.189	2.307.355
Support services:								
Student services	29,517	154,489	59,250	79,631	49,275	50,953	63,044	99.787
Instructional staff services	95,673	92,379	78,654	82,658	63,851	57,982	61,861	114,204
Administration services	389,140	420,329	415,980	407,162	421,238	408,665	329,835	317,864
Operation and maintenance								
of plant	554,705	436,556	399,193	608,028	280,037	244,612	340,633	307.368
Transportation services	163,837	191,223	184,899	199,062	195,960	144,750	229,499	186,032
Central support services	1	1	ı	1	1		1,072	
Non-instructional programs:								
Food service operations	Ì	1	1	i	1	179	1	ı
Other expenditures:								
Facilities acquisition and								
construction	255,094	125,098	312,616	82,365	434,042	2,560,698	411,609	176.792
Long-term debt:					•	•		
Principal	70,000	62,000	000,09	60,000	55,000	35,000	ı	ı
Interest	59,053	57,722	59,523	60,723	61,772	78,178	ı	1
Services	20,925	150	450	350	350	350	i	ı
AEA Flowthrough	126,265	123,971	122,539	113,850	112,875	112,778	120,525	122,824
Total	\$ 4,453,158	4,236,997	4,319,156	4,179,596	3,995,691	5,882,668	3,762,267	3,632,226

BRUCE D. FRINK

Certified Public Accountant

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Education of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities and each major fund of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies, including deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

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Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe items I-A-09 and I-B-09 are material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2009 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the District. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the District's responses, we did not audit Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District and other parties to whom Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

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February 22, 2010

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

I-A-09 Segregation of Duties - During our review of the internal control structure, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the District's financial statements. We noted that one individual has custody of receipts and performs all record-keeping and reconciling functions for the office.

Recommendation - We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the District should review the operating procedures of the office to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will review procedures and investigate available alternatives.

Conclusion - Response acknowledged.

I-B-09 AUDITOR DRAFTING OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED FOOTNOTE DISCLOSURES

Comment - As in prior years, we were requested to draft the audited financial statements and related footnote disclosures as part of our regular audit services. SAS 112, an auditing standard from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, requires auditors to communicate this situation as an internal control deficiency. Ultimately, it is management's responsibility to provide for the preparation of the District's statements and footnotes, and the responsibility of the auditor to determine the fairness of the presentation of those statements. From a practical standpoint we do both for you at the same time in connection with our audit. This is not unusual for us to do this with organizations of your size. However, based on this auditing standard, it is our responsibility to inform you that this deficiency could result in a misstatement to the financial statements that could have been prevented or detected by the District's management. As in prior years, we have instructed management to review a draft of the auditor prepared financial statements in detail for their accuracy; we have answered any questions they might have, and encouraged research of any accounting guidance in connection with the adequacy and appropriateness of classification and disclosure in your financial statements. We are satisfied that the appropriate steps have been taken to provide you with the completed financial statements.

Recommendation - It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

 $\underline{\text{Response}}$ - We feel our review of the draft financials is adequate for us to accept this risk.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

II-A-09 <u>Certified Budget</u> - Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2009, exceeded the certified budget amount in the other expenditures function.

Recommendation - The certified budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 24.9 of the Code of Iowa before expenditures were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response - Future budgets will be amended in sufficient amounts to ensure the certified budget is not exceeded.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- II-B-09 Questionable Expenditures No expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- II-C-09 <u>Travel Expense</u> No expenditures of District money for travel expenses of spouses of District officials or employees were noted. No travel advances to District officials or employees were noted.
- II-D-09 <u>Business Transactions</u> No business transactions between the District and District officials or employees were noted.
- II-E-09 Bond Coverage Surety bond coverage of District officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- II-F-09 Board Minutes No transactions requiring Board approval which had not been approved by the Board were noted.
- II-G-09 Deposits and Investments No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the District's investment policy were noted.
- II-H-09I <u>Certified Annual Report</u> The Certified Annual Report was certified timely to the Department of Education.
- II-I-09 <u>Certified Enrollment</u> No variances in the basic enrollment data certified to the Department of Education were noted.
- II-J-09 <u>Categorical Funding</u> No instances were noted of categorical funding being used to supplant rather than supplement other funds.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2009

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting: (continued):

II-K-09 Statewide Sales and Services Tax - No instances of non-compliance with the use of the statewide sales and services tax revenue provisions of Chapter 423F.3 of the Code of Iowa were noted.

Pursuant to Chapter 423F.5 of the Code of Iowa, the annual audit is required to include certain reporting elements related to the statewide sales and services tax. For the year ended June 30, 2009, the District's financial activity and other required information for the statewide sales and services tax are as follows:

Beginning balance	\$ -
Statewide sales and services tax revenue	198,026
Expenditures/transfers out: School infrastructure: Buildings and improvements	\$ <u>198,026</u>
Ending balance	\$ <u> </u>